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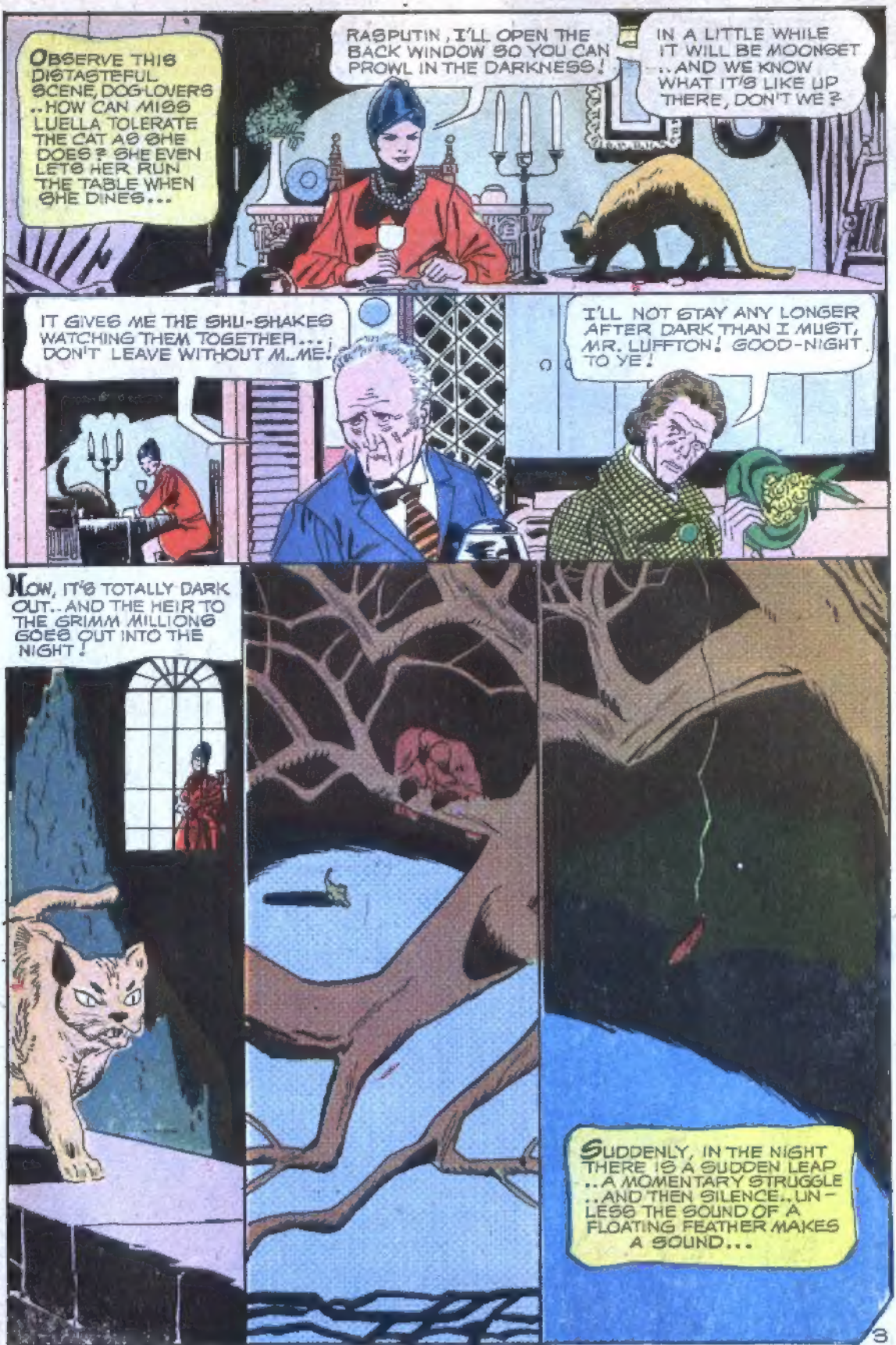
the CAT'S COMPANION
YOU WILL BE LOOKED AFTER, RASPUTIN! MY MILLIONS ARE IN YOUR NAME..THROUGH YOU.. LIFE WILL GO ON!
MY..CHEST...KOFF.. ARRRGGGHMM,
GOOD-BYE, MISS FELINIAS!
KEEP BACK, YOU CONFOUNDED PEST!
GET BACK!
MERRRRAAAWWW

ACCURSED FELINE.. I'LL NEVER COME TO THIS HOUSE AGAIN!
MEOW!
AND, AS THE WORTHY DOCTOR (WHO CHARGED MISS FELINIAS GRIMM VERY LARGE FEES) FLEES, HE PASSES A YOUNG WOMAN ON HER WAY IN...
THIS IS A LETTER FROM THE DECEASED'S LAWYER! I HAVE BEEN RETAINED AS THE COMPANION OF THE HEIR TO MISS GRIMM'S FORTUNE, A FELINE NAMED RASPUTIN!
IT'S A GOOD THING YOU'RE HERE, MISS.. THE ANIMAL SEEMS TO HAVE GONE MAD!
IN MY OPINION.. THE CREATURE SHOULD BE DESTROYED AND THE ESTATE DIVIDED AMONG THE RELATIVES.. AND.. AHEM.. WE THE STAFF...
YOU SHOULD WALK ON COALS OF FIRE FOR THAT LUFFTON!
MY.. MY FEET ARE BURNING!
FIRE


OBSERVE THIS DISTASTEFUL SCENE, DOG-LOVERS .. HOW CAN MISS LUELLA TOLERATE THE CAT AS SHE DOES? SHE EVEN LETS HER RUN THE TABLE WHEN SHE DINES...
RASPUTIN, I'LL OPEN THE BACK WINDOW SO YOU CAN PROWL IN THE DARKNESS!
IN A LITTLE WHILE IT WILL BE MOONSET .. AND WE KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE UP THERE, DON'T WE?
IT GIVES ME THE SHU-SHAKES WATCHING THEM TOGETHER... DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT M..ME!
I'LL NOT STAY ANY LONGER AFTER DARK THAN I MUST, MR. LUFFTON! GOOD-NIGHT TO YE!
NOW, IT'S TOTALLY DARK OUT.. AND THE HEIR TO THE GRIMM MILLIONS GOES OUT INTO THE NIGHT!
SUDDENLY, IN THE NIGHT THERE IS A SUDDEN LEAP .. A MOMENTARY STRUGGLE .. AND THEN SILENCE.. UNLESS THE SOUND OF A FLOATING FEATHER MAKES A SOUND...

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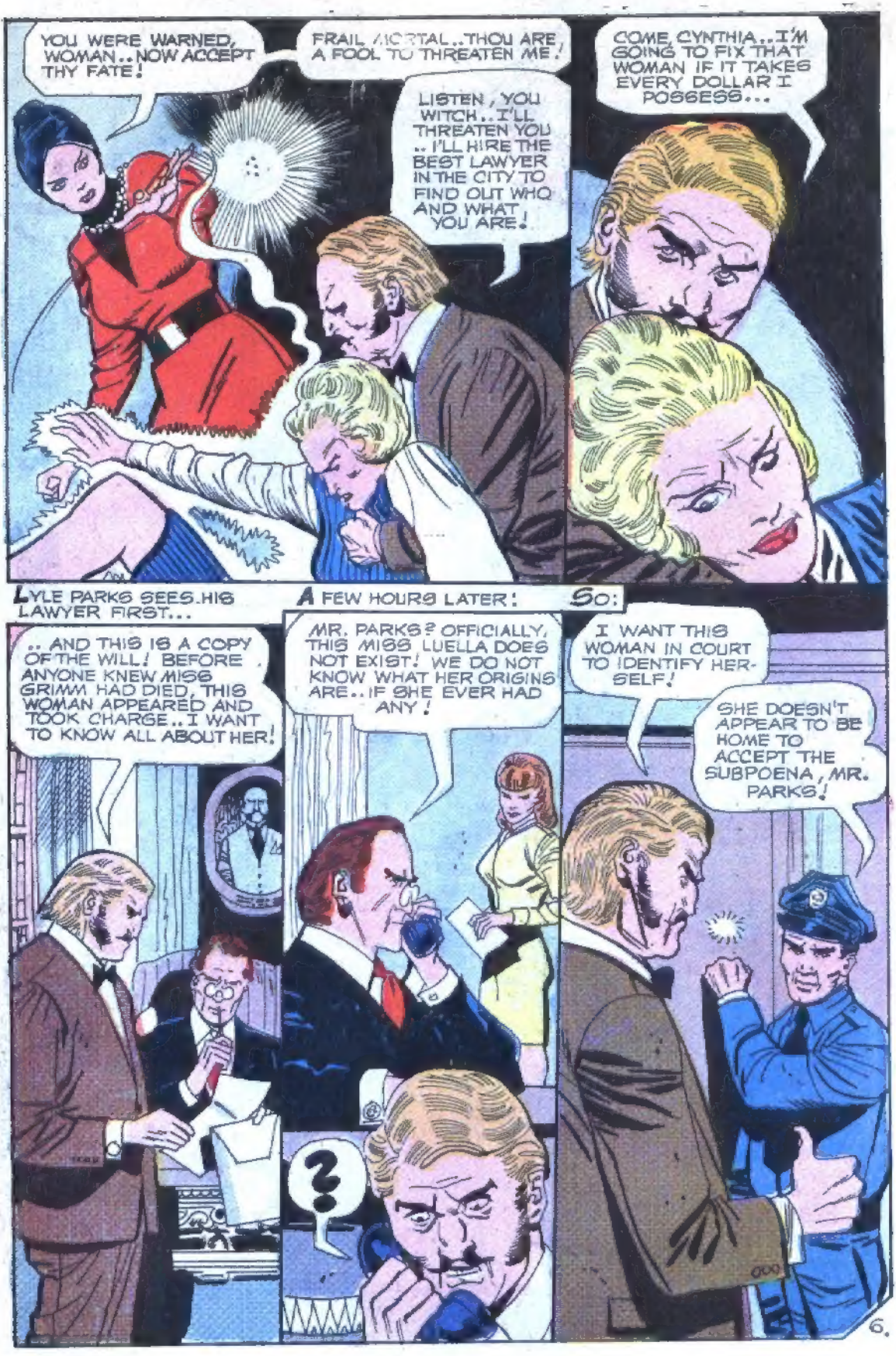
WHY, THAT FAT FOOL! HE WON'T THROW AGAIN AT US!
OWWW.... MY SHOULDER ..IT'S ON.... FIRE!
AND THERE IS ANOTHER WHO IS BOTHERED EVEN MORE BY THE CAT... IT'S MISS GRIMM'S GRANDNIECE.. CYNTHIA PARKS .. MARRIED TO LYLE PARKS!
WE'LL BE RID OF YOU SOON RASPUTIN! WE'RE GETTING PETITIONS SIGNED TO ELIMINATE YOU!
BUT FIRST, I'LL DO SOMETHING I NEVER DARED DO WHEN OLD LADY GRIMM WAS ALIVE!
LOOK CYNTHIA.. SOMETHING'S UP THERE IN THE DARKNESS....
IT'S THAT CAT AND IF GALAHAD COULD CATCH IT.. I'D INHERIT AUNT FELINIAS' MONEY IN A HURRY, LYLE!
MEOWROW
GRRRRRR
4.

I UNDERSTAND THE CAT NOW HAS A HIRED COMPANION!
YES.. AND SHE MAY ADMIT US ... BUT NEVER GALAHAD!
RAP
RAP
MR. AND MRS. LYLE PARKS, AND CANINE GALAHAD! ENTER, PLEASE!
H-HOW DID YOU...?
HOLD GALAHAD, LYLE .. HE'LL KILL DEAR RASPUTIN IF HE GETS LOOSE!
I DOUBT THAT.. BUT PERHAPS GALAHAD SHOULD CALM DOWN A LITTLE!
GRRRRR
MISS LUELLA MAKES AN ODD GESTURE AND POOR GALAHAD SUBSIDES ... APPARENTLY IN GREAT PAIN...
WHAT KIND OF MUMBO-JUMBO IS THIS!
I'LL SNATCH YOU BALDHEADED-YOU WEIRDO!
BE WISE, WOMAN -GET OUT BEFORE YOUR BONES TURN TO JELLY!


YOU WERE WARNED, WOMAN..NOW ACCEPT THY FATE!
FRAIL MORTAL..THOU ARE A FOOL TO THREATEN ME!
LISTEN, YOU WITCH..I'LL THREATEN YOU..I'LL HIRE THE BEST LAWYER IN THE CITY TO FIND OUT WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE!
COME, CYNTHIA..I'M GOING TO FIX THAT WOMAN IF IT TAKES EVERY DOLLAR I POSSESS...
LYLE PARKS SEES HIS LAWYER FIRST...
A FEW HOURS LATER:
SO:
..AND THIS IS A COPY OF THE WILL! BEFORE ANYONE KNEW MISS GRIMM HAD DIED, THIS WOMAN APPEARED AND TOOK CHARGE..I WANT TO KNOW ALL ABOUT HER!
MR. PARKS? OFFICIALLY, THIS MISS LUELLA DOES NOT EXIST! WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT HER ORIGINS ARE..IF SHE EVER HAD ANY!
?
I WANT THIS WOMAN IN COURT TO IDENTIFY HERSELF!
SHE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE HOME TO ACCEPT THE SUBPOENA, MR. PARKS!

SUDDENLY FROM OUT OF NOWHERE ~ COMES A CHARGING GALAHAD!
THE DOOR WAS OPEN! MR. PARKS, GRAB YOUR ANIMAL!
LET HIM GO.. HE'LL FIND MISS LUELLA AND THAT CAT!
GRRRR
STUPID MONGREL.. HE HASN'T LEARNED HIS LESSON YET! THIS TIME HE'LL KNOW AGONY .. BEFORE HE DIES!
THE CAT'S COMPANION WHOM WE ALL KNOW TO BE A WITCH BY THIS TIME HURLS ONE OF HER BLUE-PLATE SPECIALS AT GALAHAD!
LOOK... SHE'S CAST A SPELL ON YOUR DOG!
.. KEEP LOOKING, OFFICER!
YIPE!
.. HER SPELL ISN'T AS STRONG AS SHE THINKS!
GRR

SUDDENLY, RASPUTIN IS RUNNING FOR HIS LIVES (ALL NINE OF THEM) AND GALAHAD IS A HOT BREATH AND A TEETH CLICK BEHIND! THE CAT GOES FOR A WINDOW.. UNFORTUNATELY IT'S CLOSED! HEH, HEH..THIS IS THE PART I LIKE BEST!
CRASH
BEWARE, MORTAL, YE TRIFLE WITH GREATER FO...
SAVE YOUR BREATH FELINIAS GRIMM — LUELLA OR WHOM-EVER ELSE YOU HAVE BEEN!
ONCE TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO, I DESTROYED YOU AS YOU WERE THEN AND I HAVE PURSUED THEE DOWN THROUGH THE CENTURIES. NOW THE CAT IS YOUR FAMILIAR.. YOUR ONLY LINK TO REALITY.. BUT NOW THE CAT IS DYING! LISTEN, LUELLA..HEAR IT?
AGGGG
WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?
NOW, MY TASK IS DONE.. AND I WILL LEAVE LYLE PARKS WHO WILL HELP HIS WIFE ENJOY THE MILLIONS LEFT BY THE LAST HUMAN IDENTITY OF A WITCH WHO WAS KNOWN AS FELINIAS GRIMM! INCIDENTALLY, THE DOG, GALAHAD, IS JUST A DOG WHO HATES CATS...
SHE'S GONE!
THE END

The Thought Goes Through

A young lady is seated on a park bench with a young man at her side. Five times during the year he has asked her to be his wife. And five times she has refused. He is about to pop the question again. She is definitely out of humor and she tells him the following:

"Don't bother me again! Go jump into the lake!"

Of course she didn't mean that last suggestion. Know what he does? He runs to the edge of the lake and jumps into it! The police fish him out. Anyway the lake is only three feet deep so he can't drown. This was something "dramatic." But it was the young man who made the decision. Not the female who suggested it.

Now let us take a different viewpoint: Somebody says something — they really don't mean it — and the event happens. The person to whom it happens had nothing to do about the occurrence. Let's take a look at some situations

A young man goes into a restaurant. The food is cold and the service is poor. He complains to the manager but gets no satisfaction. Then he remarks in a bitter tone of voice:

"I wish this place would blow up."

He walks out of the restaurant. When he is at the corner — there is an explosion! The restaurant blew up! The manager in the hospital remembers what the young angry man said.

"He wished it on me," he sighs.

Did he? There was a gas leak. And call it "coincidence" — but it did happen. Now take this one and you try to figure it out:

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"Get out of here! That crane is going to fall! Look out!"

When it came tumbling down — a miracle takes place — nobody is killed or injured. And the officer wins high praise and a promotion. He was alert. Or was he? Could he talk about somebody who knew what was going to happen? Or even maybe wished it that way?

Bear in mind that sometimes a person may say something very nice and everyone hearing it knows it can't happen — and yet it does. The old lady goes into the store. Hesitates about spending one dollar for a lottery ticket.

"You buy that ticket," he smiles, "and you will win the grand prize of $50,000. Tell you how certain I am. If you don't win, I will give you double your money back."

Two months later she walks into the store. He can't even remember her. She hands him an envelope.

"Some money for you," she smiles. "I won the grand prize. All due to you. Many thanks. Hope you enjoy spending the money."

Now you can call this a very close coincidence. But there are situations — where the psychologists tell us — that the desire or wish expressed does have an effect on the person concerned. Two men are partners. Have been so for thirty years. Hate each other and always fight. One day, one partner shouts at the other:

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And the other partner drops dead right there! What happened? He had a very weak heart. The aggravation brought on the heart attack. Or the suggestion itself may get so planted in a person's subconscious mind that it actually controls him. Thus one fellow said to another: "You go skiing without me this week-end, and you'll end up with a broken leg." The accident did take place. Why? You figure that one out.

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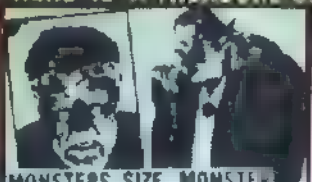

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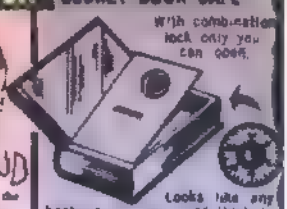

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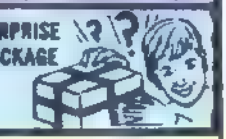

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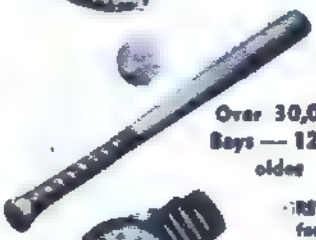

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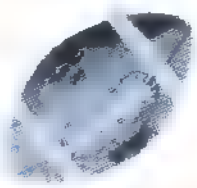

THE TREASURE of the SWAMP

THE GEOLOGIST IS SEEKING OIL IN THE DEEP SWAMP.. IF HIS REPORT IS FAVORABLE, THE HUGE CORPORATION WILL BRING IN DREDGES AND BULLDOZERS, AIRLIFT IN DRILLING RIGS, AND TURN THIS VAST, FETID WILDERNESS INTO AN OIL-RICH DESERT! MAGRUDER, THE GEOLOGIST, IS CERTAIN THERE'S OIL HERE AND HE'S GOING TO GET IT OUT! HIS GUIDE, WITLESS WILLY, HAS HIS OWN OPINION!

THE VISCOMETER INDICATES THE PRESENCE OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GASES IN THIS POOL! WILLY, I'M GOING TO DRILL A WELL RIGHT HERE!

I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY THEY CALL YOU WITLESS WILLY, YOU MORON! WHY ARE YOU GUIDING THE BOAT IN HERE?

HEH HEH HEH

YEAHHH

HEH HEH HEH

GET THIS THING OUT OF HERE, WILLY!
BANG
BANG
WE'D BETTER HEAD BACK TO YOUR PLACE, WILLY! THE SWAMP IS A BAD PLACE AFTER DARK, I'M TOLD!
TOO LATE.
DARK IN ONE HOUR TAKE TWO HOURS TO GET HOME. WE STAY HERE
HERE? YOU MEAN IN THE BOAT? WE CAN'T DO THAT THE MOSQUITOES WILL EAT US ALIVE!
SHACK THERE WE STAY
MAGRUDER SHIVERS AT THE THOUGHT OF SPENDING A NIGHT HERE... HE'S HEARD TALES OF EERIE EVENTS OCCURRING IN THIS MORASS ..WHICH HE NOW TRIES TO DISMISS AS IGNORANT SUPERSTITION!
ALLIGATORS NOT LIKE YOU SNAKES NOT LIKE YOU. ALL THINGS IN SWAMP KNOW YOU CHANGE EVERYTHING.
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU, THEY, OR ANYONE LIKES! I'M PAID TO FIND OIL.. AND I'VE FOUND IT HERE!

HERE ARE MATCHES, WILLY! BUILD A FIRE IT WILL DRIVE INSECTS AWAY AND KEEP OUT THE CHILL!
PUT DOWN LIGHT, LIGHT HURT EYES
NO FIRE. MATCHES FALL IN WATER. MATCHES WET.
I DON'T TRUST YOU, WITLESS WILLY! YOU SIT RIGHT THERE WHERE I CAN WATCH YOU!
LIGHT WEAR OUT SOON, BOSS
YOU AREN'T AS STUPID AS THEY SAY, WILLY! I'LL SWITCH OFF THE LIGHT... BUT I CAN SEE WELL ENOUGH TO WATCH YOU
WILLY NOT MOVE, BOSS!
WILLY SLEEP ZZZZZ.
IF WILLY MOVES MAGRUDER SHOOTS!
MAGRUDER REPRESENTS HARSH, MODERN REALISM WILLY BELONGS TO A TIME AND A PLACE WHICH CANNOT SURVIVE!
SUPERSTITION WON'T DRIVE ME OUT..

AN HOUR PASSES IT'S MIDNIGHT AND ONLY THE ANGRY WHINE OF THE INSECTS ARE HEARD HERE IN THE SHACK! OUTSIDE, THERE IS THE RUSTLE OF SOME NOCTURNAL CREATURE. THE ROAR OF A BULL ALLIGATOR AND THE SOFT, EVEN SOUND OF WILLY'S SNORE!
I'M IN CONTROL MAGRUDER IS ALWAYS IN CONTROL!
STUPID SUPERSTITIONS ...I'LL CONQUER THIS SWAMP..I'LL TURN IT INTO A KINGSIZED SAND DUNE!
THE FOOLS AROUND HERE BELIEVE ALL THAT GARBAGE
FISH JUMPING IN THE WATER..

HEH HEH HEH HEH
WH-WHATS THAT? IT SOUNDS LIKE WILLY LAUGHING BUT WILLY IS IN HERE... SOUND ASLEEP!
IT'S WILLY'S LAUGH BUT HE'S HERE!
WILLY, WAKE UP! WAKE UP, YOU DUMMY!
BUT WITLESS WILLY WAS FAR AWAY.. AND MAGRUDER FINALLY ABANDONS HIM TO GO AND INVESTIGATE THE NOISES OUTSIDE!
WHO'S THAT? GET AWAY FROM THAT BOAT! GET AWAY OR..

-PRETENDING YOU'RE WITLESS WILLY, ARE YOU?
W-WILLY?
NOW MAGRUDER HAS NO BOAT NO LIGHT AND HIS COMPANION IS IN A COMATOSE SLEEP! THE ONLY DEFENSE MAGRUDER HAS NOW IS...
IF ANYTHING COMES AT ME, I'LL BLAST HIM! THIS SWAMP ISN'T GOING TO BEAT MAGRUDER!
HEH HEH
WHO'S THERE?
NO! NO, GET BACK!
BAM BLAM
GET AWAY GET AAAGGHH!!
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NOW, MAGRUDER IS DEFENSELESS VERGING ON HYSTERICS... DESPERATE TO ESCAPE FROM THIS NIGHTMARISH PLACE!
GOT TO GET OUT... GET TO MY CAR... RADIO THE COMPANY... MAKE REPORT!
NO! NO!
SUDDENLY MAGRUDER IS SEIZED YANKED FROM THE WATER AND THE HUGE SAURIAN IS SMASHED BACKWARD BY SOME UNSEEN CREATURE!
:SOB: IF THAT :GASP: THING GOT ME... I'D NEVER GET OUT OF HERE!
WILLY! PLEASE, WILLY... WAKE UP! I WANT TO APOLOGIZE AND BEG A FAVOR!
A FAVOR? FROM ME... WITLESS WILLY?

THAT LIGHT! WHERE...
THE TIME FOR QUESTIONS IS PAST, MAGRUDER! NOW, YOU WILL RECEIVE SOME ANSWERS!
IF YOU REPORT THE PRESENCE OF OIL HERE, THE CORPORATION WILL DESTROY ALL THIS! THERE IS BEAUTY HERE FOR THOSE WITH THE SENSE TO SEE IT... A BILLION CREATURES LIVE IN THIS SWAMP ALL OF IT WILL PERISH IF YOU HAVE YOUR WAY!
WILL FORGET HOW TO GET OUT OF SWAMP, UNLESS MAGRUDER FORGET HE FOUND OIL!
YOU'RE PLAYING THE IDIOTS ROLE AGAIN, ARE YOU? ALL RIGHT WILLY, IT'S A DEAL! I'LL TURN IN A NEGATIVE REPORT. MY COMPANY WON'T DRILL FOR OIL HERE!
NOW THE SWAMP LOOKS DIFFERENT TO MAGRUDER! AS WILLY POLES THE BOAT THROUGH THE MORNING LIGHT, HE SEES NOT GOLD BUT NATURAL BEAUTY...
THERE IS TREASURE HERE AND YOU HAVE FOUND IT WILLY BUT TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT! THE APPARITION...
IT WILL BE BETTER FOR YOU IF YOU DO NOT KNOW, MAGRUDER!
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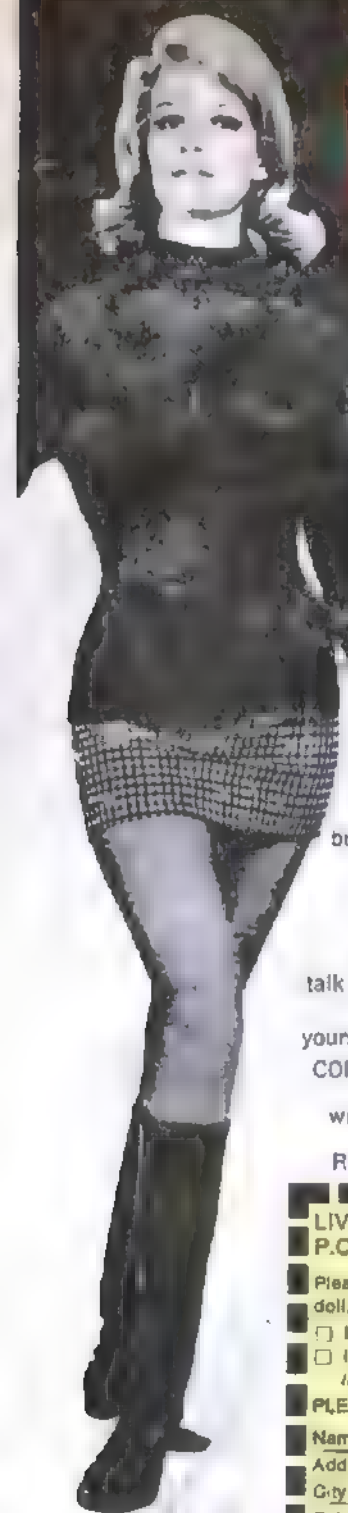

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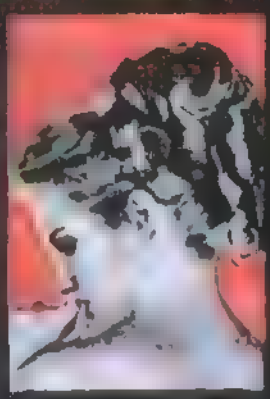

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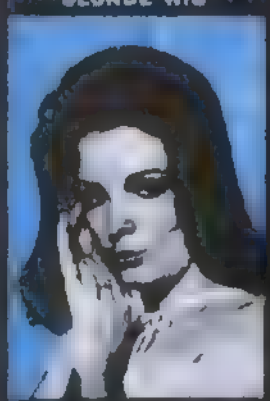

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THE REAL GONE GHOST
NEVER RETURN, FOOL!
OUT, FOOL... GET OUT OR WE'LL TURN YOU INTO ONE OF US....
YIEEE!
'CORAM TRIED TO TELL A POLICEMAN -BUT THEY HAVE AN OFFICIAL ATTITUDE ABOUT REPORTS OF SPIRITS....
YOU... YOU'VE G-GOT TO... BELIEVE ME...
OH - I DO, CITIZEN... I DO!
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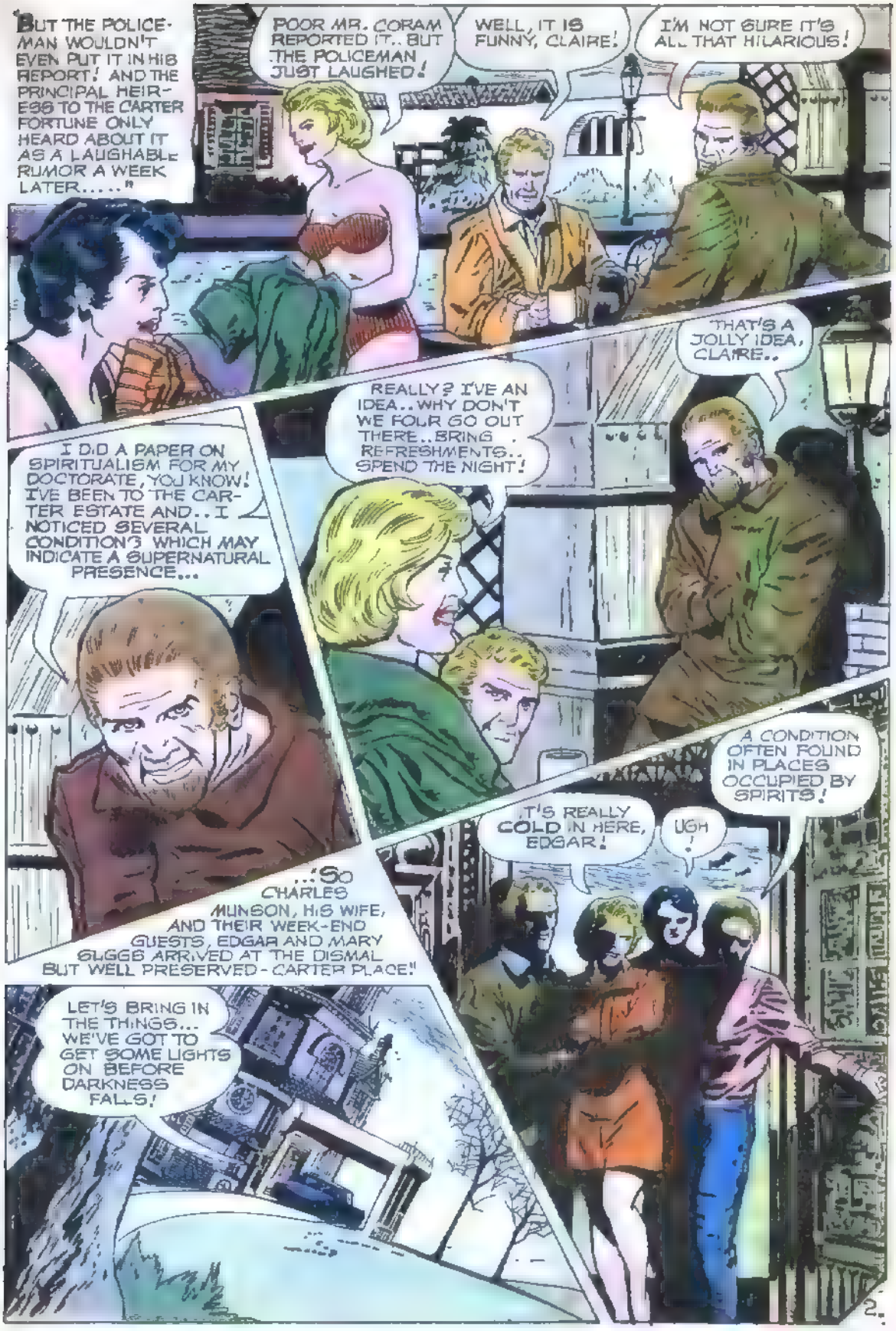
BUT THE POLICEMAN WOULDN'T EVEN PUT IT IN HIS REPORT! AND THE PRINCIPAL HEIRESS TO THE CARTER FORTUNE ONLY HEARD ABOUT IT AS A LAUGHABLE RUMOR A WEEK LATER....."
POOR MR. CORAM REPORTED IT.. BUT THE POLICEMAN JUST LAUGHED!
WELL, IT IS FUNNY, CLAIRE!
I'M NOT SURE IT'S ALL THAT HILARIOUS!
THAT'S A JOLLY IDEA, CLAIRE..
REALLY? I'VE AN IDEA.. WHY DON'T WE FOUR GO OUT THERE.. BRING REFRESHMENTS.. SPEND THE NIGHT!
I DID A PAPER ON SPIRITUALISM FOR MY DOCTORATE, YOU KNOW! I'VE BEEN TO THE CARTER ESTATE AND.. I NOTICED SEVERAL CONDITIONS WHICH MAY INDICATE A SUPERNATURAL PRESENCE...
A CONDITION OFTEN FOUND IN PLACES OCCUPIED BY SPIRITS!
IT'S REALLY COLD IN HERE, EDGAR!
UGH!
...SO CHARLES MUNSON, HIS WIFE, AND THEIR WEEK-END GUESTS, EDGAR AND MARY SLUGGS ARRIVED AT THE DISMAL BUT WELL PRESERVED - CARTER PLACE!
LET'S BRING IN THE THINGS... WE'VE GOT TO GET SOME LIGHTS ON BEFORE DARKNESS FALLS!
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ISN'T THERE ANY ELECTRICITY, EDGAR?
GAS LIGHTING..AND IT'S WORKING!
CLAIRE CARTER..THE HEIRESS TO ALL THIS, STROLLS BRASHLY FROM ROOM TO ROOM!
EDGAR? IT'S EVEN COLDER IN HERE!
WATCH IT!
WHAT WAS THAT?
SLAM
MY WIFE OWNS THE PLACE.. WE'VE BEEN THINKING OF DEMOLISHING THE HIDEOUS OLD PILE. IF THERE ARE GHOSTS....
I'M SURE WE CAN FIND PROOF OF THE PRESENCE OF SUPERNATURAL BEINGS IN THIS HOUSE!
I'LL DYNAMITE THE PLACE...

....THEY WERE A LAUGHING, FUNLOVING LITTLE GROUP DETERMINED TO HAVE A GHOST PARTY...
I HAVEN'T WALTZED LIKE THIS SINCE I WENT TO DANCING SCHOOL AS A CHILD!
THE MUSIC?! WHERE'S THE MUSIC COMING FROM?
IT SEEMS TO BE COMING FROM... IN THERE....
LET'S GO IN! S-SOMEONE MUST BE THERE!
FF
FF
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NOTHING..THAT WE CAN SEE! BUT..WE'RE IN GREAT DANGER! THERE ARE SPIRITS..PROBABLY MALIGNANT IN NATURE..AND WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT...!!
W-WILL THEY LET US LEAVE?
WE'LL NOT BE DRIVEN FORTH LIKE COWARDS! WHERE'S THE BOX?
Y-YOU DON'T MEAN...
I'M GOING TO DYNAMITE THE PLACE! GET IT OVER QUICKLY! THE GHOSTS MUST BE DISPELLED!
HOW WILL YOU DO IT, CHARLES?
THE CELLAR! WE'LL BLAST THE FOUNDATION..ALSO PLANT A DOZEN STICKS ON THE UPPER FLOOR ..DETONATE THEM SIMULTANEOUSLY!
TNT
THEY WENT TO THE CELLAR FIRST! EDGAR WHO HAD DONE RESEARCH ON SPIRITS SHOULD'VE KNOWN BETTER!
YOUR IMAGINATION IS RUNNING AWAY WITH YOU, EDGAR. IN ANY CASE... THIS OLD PLACE AND THE GHOSTS WILL SOON BE REDUCED TO NOTHING!
THE TEMPERATURE IS DROPPING, CHARLES! SOMETHING IS NEARBY!

THIS FUSE IS MARKED EXACTLY ..CUTTING IT THIS LENGTH WILL ENABLE US TO EXPLODE THE TNT SIMULTANEOUSLY!
HURRY, CHARLES ..WE'RE NOT ALONE DOWN HERE!
FUNNY..THAT'S THE THIRD MATCH JUST WENT OUT, EDGAR... AND IT IS COLD!
I WON'T GO OUT THIS...
RUN CHARLES!
WHAT IS ....
AAAG!
A GHOST... A REAL GHOST
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE...
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..THE FUSE ISN'T LIGHTED.. BUT LET'S GET OUT OF HERE...
SUDDENLY..THE GASLIGHTS GO OUT AND AN UNEARTHLY SCREAM RIPS THE DARKNESS....
SOMETHING IS HOLDING ME BACK...
DYNAMITE! THE GHOST HAS THROWN THE DYNAMITE.

RUN!
THEY'VE BEATEN US, CLAIRE!
I DON'T KNOW IF THEY HAVE OR NOT, CHARLES.. DID I SMELL GAS AS WE RAN OUT?
I LIT A CIGARETTE .. AND LEFT IT BURNING! I'M WONDERING NOW IF IT MIGHT..
..I SMELLED IT TOO, CLAIRE! THE SPIRITS SOMEHOW EXTINGUISHED THE GASLAMPS .. BUT THE GASLAMPS' JETS WERE STILL ON. WHY?
..IGNITE THE GA... IT DID!
SO FROM NOW ON THE CARTER GHOSTS WILL HAVE TO LIVE IN A GHOSTLY MANSION.. BECAUSE THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING LEFT BY THE TIME THE VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES GET HERE! THEY DON'T CARE MUCH FOR SPOOKS EITHER!
THE END

Dear Mr. Dedd:

I like ghost stories and since I started reading **Ghostly Tales, Ghost Manor,** and **The Many Ghosts Of Dr. Graves** I like these the best. I have never personally seen any ghosts but I know some people who really have.

Some of my friends have told me their houses are haunted but when I went to them to see for myself, I couldn't see anything unusual. I stayed overnight in my cousin's house, sleeping on an army cot up in the attic all by myself (I'm twelve years old) and there weren't any ghosts. But I did get scared. There are birds in his attic, a sparrow's nest, and what I heard during the night were the little birds cheeping just when it started to get light.

Once, I got your three newest comic books and took them home, hiding them in my bedroom and waiting until everyone in the house was asleep. Then, with my flashlight, I read the comic books and it was really great, real spooky, you know. I loved reading them that way but when I fell asleep I had nightmares and I hollered out loud. My father came running to wake me up and he had my comic books. Now, he made a rule. I can still read ghost stories but not after supper. I got to read them in broad daylight which kind of spoils the fun.

Do you ever hear any ghost stories which you really believe?

Sincerely,
Wade Roberts

Dear Wade:

In reply to your questions, yes, we have heard some stories which were written sincerely recounting strange events for which there was no answer. In almost all such cases which have been investigated by professional ghost detectives, there has been an explanation but the few which could not be explained furnish powerful evidence of the existence of supernatural beings.

There has been heavily documented proof of poltergeists which 'haunted' certain houses. Sometimes, the 'presence' only haunted one room or even a certain section of the room. These hurl heavy objects, smash mirrors, wreck things, terrorize the residents, etc. One such case in Long Island, N.Y., is an example. An ordinary family first reported the ghost to their clergyman who advised them to notify the police. A sergeant of detectives came with a uniformed patrolman and was writing down the details when the 'poltergeist' struck again! It hurled heavy vases, overturned a chair, broke pictures and did exactly what the family had described, this time with an unrelated policeman and sergeant present to attest to the occurrence.

There have been crying babies in homes where there are no children. And areas of intense cold, usually taken to mean the presence of supernatural creatures. Most authorities agree that there are strong indications that supernatural creatures do seem to exist.

Dear Mr. Dedd:

I'm a teen-aged girl and with my two girl friends we have formed sort of a Ghost Club. None of us really believe in ghosts but it's a lot of fun pretending that ghosts really do exist. We gave a party last Halloween and everyone who came had to pretend that they believed in ghosts too.

We had all the lights in the house off except for a candle in each room. The candles didn't make much light and the kids were always blowing them out and it was real spooky. Then we started telling ghost stories. One of the best parts was when I read some of the stories from your comic books, describing the pictures, to the kids in the cellar. It's all dusty and cobwebby down there and the kids really got all turned on when I was reading to them.

Some of the kids got real scared and after awhile we had one room in the house with the lights on where the worst scared could go and get over their fright. Some of the other kids didn't get scared and didn't pretend to be but they didn't have a bad time either. They just smooched in the dark and had fun anyhow.

We three in the Ghost Club do things like visiting our cemetery after dark and pretend we see shadows moving around the tombstones. It's funny, we know at first we can't see any ghosts but fooling around as it gets dark, our eyes sort of play tricks and then we really do think we see shadows with weird eyes hiding in the dark.

Maybe some of your other readers would like to form clubs. If they see ghosts too maybe it will mean there really are ghosts. What do you think?

Signed
Marie L.

Dear Marie:

That Ghost Club of yours is a great idea for having fun but you've got to be careful how you play your imaginary ghost games. Sometimes, your imagination can create fantasies which become so real as to be almost terrifying. Just remember it's a game you're playing and don't let it get out of hand.

One incident which you mentioned which disturbs me deeply is the bit about venturing into the cemetery and telling each other that you see shadows moving as it gets darker. Not only can your imagination convince you collectively that you do see something but it MAY BE POSSIBLE to summon forth or EVOKE supernatural presences which might possibly do physical or mental harm.

The clubs are great for kicks but just don't let yourselves get carried away. You don't know WHAT may be carrying you.

MR. D.

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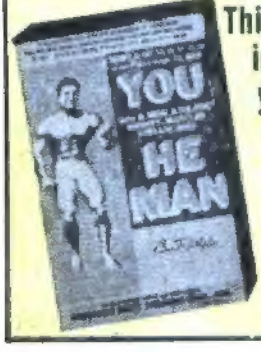

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When Anthony Fotia took the Art Talent Test, he was a mail clerk, "stuck" in a low-pay routine job. Today, he's an artist for a printing firm, doing exciting creative work. Kathleen Gironda went from a salesgirl in a department store to a fashion illustrator in the same store. Virginia Bartter, a farmer's wife and mother of three, now sells just about everything she paints. These are just a few of the literally hundreds of "success stories" our students report to us.

So if you love to sketch or dabble in paints—and have often wondered if you "have what it takes" to become a well-paid commercial artist or spare-time professional painter—why not seize this opportunity to find out? All you need is a pencil and a half-hour of your time. With your special interest, it will be one of the most intriguing and enjoyable half-hours you ever spent.

What the Talent Test covers

First, you will be shown ten pairs of simple designs and asked to pick the one in each pair that has "a feeling of rightness" about it. Then you will see twenty pairs of pictures, and check which composition in each pair is more pleasing. You'll be asked to do original sketches to demonstrate your imagination and powers of observation. And in similar ways, your feeling for mood, form, movement, and so on will be tested.

When you complete the test and mail it back, it will be graded free by a member of the School's staff. If you receive a passing grade (and we must warn you that many don't), or can offer sufficient evidence of art talent, you will then be eligible to enroll. You may choose whichever of our courses is best suited to your goals.

Courses after personal instruction

These courses were especially designed for talented people who can't leave their families or jobs for art training away from home. The 12 famous artists who started the School over 19 years ago contributed all their lifetime secrets of art technique to what they believe to be the finest art lessons ever created. They took time out from their own busy careers and made thousands of special drawings to demonstrate each point. Then they devised a method of constructive criticism that is as personal as tutoring. Your instructor, who is himself required to be a practicing professional artist, spends up to several hours on just one of your assignments. He actually draws or paints his suggestions for improvement, and then "talks" to you by letter, dictating a long, friendly message of specific advice and encouragement.

You will receive an interesting brochure about our School and its revolutionary methods along with your free Art Talent Test. If you have ever dreamed of success in art, and wondered if it were possible, why not mail the coupon at left for both the Talent Test and the brochure right now?

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